## Family & Consumer Sciences Middle School Standards 22200

## **Career Exploration**

**Course Description:** Middle school students are exploring many aspects of life. A career decision is a huge part of each student's life and made with careful planning and understanding. An awareness of the 4 career clusters and pathways that link to Family and Consumer Science is the beginning of a career investigation. Transferable skills, personal needs and wants, and employer expectations are vital for student success in the world of work.

**Suggested Grade Level:** 6, or 7

## **Topics Covered:**

Careers

Volunteerism

Revised Bloom's Taxonomy	Standards and Examples	
Indicator #1: Explain career opportunities to make informed career decisions.		
Understand	CE 1.1 Classify potential careers in the Human Services and Hospitality and Tourism Career Clusters.	
	<ul> <li>Examples (Human Services):</li> <li>Classify skills and knowledge addressed by career cluster pathway.</li> <li>Research individuals, businesses, and agencies in local area, using print copy or online yellow pages and white pages, for each pathway.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Examples (Hospitality and Tourism):</li> <li>Identify skills related to customer service.</li> <li>List hospitality and tourism related careers in each pathway.</li> <li>Identify careers in local, global, and virtual opportunities.</li> </ul>	
Understand	<ul> <li>CE 1.2 Summarize potential careers in the Education and Training and Arts, A/V Technology and Communications Career Clusters.</li> <li>Examples (Education and Training):         <ul> <li>Identify human development stages and the influence on classroom management or managing an audience such as creating norms for different age groups.</li> <li>Classify types of communication used as a method for time</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>management and for project management.</li> <li>Research individuals, businesses, and agencies in local area, using print copy or online yellow pages and white pages, for each pathway.</li> <li>Examples (Arts/AV, Technology and Communications):</li> <li>Identify skills related to multimedia used to communicate ideas.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>List careers related to the Visual Arts Pathway.</li> <li>Identify skills and knowledge necessary for careers in the local, global and virtual areas.</li> </ul>
Understand	CE 1.3 Classify knowledge and skills associated with four* of the sixteen Career Clusters.
	<ul> <li>Brainstorm list of people's physical, mental, emotional, social, spiritual, and financial needs for various career clusters.</li> <li>Research regional and virtual job wanted ads to understand qualifications required or knowledge and skills needed.</li> <li>Interview a person in a career pathway from one of the four clusters and share learned skills using an online brainstorming program.</li> <li>Create a public service announcement (PSA) or other advertisement that markets the knowledge and skills associated with one of the career pathways.</li> </ul>
Indicator #2: Exen	nplify the components of volunteerism.
Understand	<ul> <li>CE 2.1 Summarize the importance of volunteerism.</li> <li>Examples: <ul> <li>Locate volunteer opportunities related to personal skills.</li> <li>Use an online forum to discuss how volunteering is important to the local community and the individual.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Reflect on the importance of volunteerism and write a letter of request for a volunteer opportunity.

	CE 2.2 Explain the purpose of goals for volunteering.
Understand	<ul> <li>Examples:</li> <li>Define short and long term goals and give an example of each.</li> <li>List three short term goals for a personal volunteer opportunity.</li> <li>List long term goals for school and community organizations working with individuals.</li> </ul>
Indicator #3: Apply	y the components of volunteerism.
Understand	CE 3.1 Exemplify community and civic responsibilities that support individual interests.  Examples:  Compare community and state leader's responsibilities.  Investigate the process of voting.  Create a new community; identify all systems needed to run the community successfully.
Apply	<ul> <li>CE 3.2 Implement volunteer projects based on community needs.</li> <li>Examples: <ul> <li>Review Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Planning Process and Community Service project.</li> <li>Research and Identify needs of local community.</li> <li>Use planning process to create a volunteer project using the identified needs to meet a global need.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>Four Clusters include Education and Training; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Services; and Arts Audio/Visual, Technology and Communication.